

Intimations.

NOTICE TO MARINERS,
No. 56 (Special).

CHINA BEA.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.
Temporary withdrawal of the Tungsha
Light-vessel.

NOTICE is hereby given that on or about
the 6th January next the TUNGSHA
LIGHT-VESSEL will be TEMPORARILY
REMOVED from her Station for Repairs,
and that she will be REPLACED by the
LIGHT-VESSEL NEUCHANG.

The NEUCHANG will show a fixed white
light, which should be visible in clear
weather at a distance of 11 nautical miles,
and a small white light will be exhibited
from the foremast at a height of 6 feet above
the rail to show the direction in which the
vessel is heading. Her hull is painted red,
with the word "NEUCHANG" in white
on each side, and she has three masts, the
main carrying a black ball.

During thick or foggy weather a steam
horn will be sounded at intervals of
10 seconds.

A. M. BISBEE,
Coast Inspector.

Imperial Maritime Customs,
Coast Inspector's Office,
Shanghai, 21st December, 1895. 2477

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-
tions to Sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 7th January, 1896, at 2.30 p.m., at
his Sales Room, Queen's Road, —

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,
(For Sunday Accounts),

comprising:—
TAPESTRY with PLESH-COVERED DRAW-
ING-ROOM SUITE,
BLACKWOOD MARBLE-TOP TABLES AND
STANDS,
BEVELED GLASS OVERMANTEL, PICTURES
AND ORNAMENTS,
GLASS AND IRON,
GLASS BOOK-CASES and WRITING TABLES,
EXTENSION DINING TABLE, SIDEBOARDS,
DINING WAGGONS, CROCKERY, GLASS AND
PLATED WARE,
DOUBLED AND SINGLE IRON BEDSTEPS,
WARDROBES with BEVELED GLASS DOORS,
BUREAU with CHAIR, CHAIR OF DRAWERS,
DRESSING TABLE, and MARBLE-TOP WASH-
STAND,
ONE JEWELRY CASE,
&c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 2, 1896. 11



GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 544.

THE following Particulars and Condi-
tions of SALE OF CROWN LAND by
PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held on the Spot,
on TUESDAY, the 7th day of January,
1896, at 4 p.m., by Order of His Exce-
lency the Governor, of Five Lots of
Crown Land, in the Colony of Hong-
kong, for a term of 999 years.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1895. 2470

Particulars and Conditions of the Letting
by Public Auction Sale, to be held on
TUESDAY, the 7th day of January,
1896, at 4 p.m., by Order of His Exce-
lency the Governor, of Five Lots of
Crown Land, in the Colony of Hong-
kong, for a term of 999 years.

Particulars of the Lot.

Lot	Locality	Boundary	Area	Value
1	West of Lot 1, 1895	Boundary as shown	55 55 00	4,000.00
2	"	"	55 55 00	4,000.00
3	"	"	55 55 00	4,000.00
4	"	"	55 55 00	4,000.00
5	"	"	55 55 00	4,000.00

Insurance.

UNION ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

(Instituted in the Reign of Queen Anne
A.D. 1714).

CAPITAL FULLY SUBSCRIBED, £450,000.
CAPITAL PAID UP, £180,000.

TOTAL INVESTED FUNDS EXCEED £2,510,000.
TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME, £774,948.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed
Agents of the above Society in Hong-
kong, is prepared to issue Policies against
FIRE on the usual terms.

HARRY WICKING,
Sole Agent.

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NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1894,
£11,671,018 2s. 2d.

Subscribed Capital, £2,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital, £2,750,000.00
Fire Funds, £2,410,927.73
Revenue Fire Branch, £1,549,886.18.7

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of
the above Company we are prepared to
accept EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS at
Current Rates.

SHEWAN & Co.,
Agents.

13 July, 1895. 1300

THE MANCHESTER FIRE ASSUR-
ANCE COMPANY.

(ESTABLISHED A.D. 1824).

CAPITAL, £2,000,000
TOTAL FUNDS AND SECURITIES, £2,450,058
NET ANNUAL FIRE PREMIUMS, £767,478

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of
the above Company we are prepared to
accept EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS at
Current Rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1896. 12

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cost of Clothing, Books, or
Papers will be thankfully received
at the SAILOR'S HOME, West Point,
HONGKONG, and SUBVENTED.

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

CORPS ORDERS FOR WEEK ENDING
11TH JANUARY, 1896.

GENERAL.

No. 316.—MOBILISATION.—Both
Units will parade at Headquarters at 1.30
p.m. sharp on 11th inst., to take part in the
Mobilisation of the Garrison. Uniform for
both Battery and Company.—Shak, hol-
moss, side arms, and water-bottles.

Transport will be provided for Dock
Detachment.

The Commandant trusts that all Members
of Corps will be present at this important
parade.

FIELD BATTERY.

No. 316.—JOINED.—The undermen-
tioned boys have been permitted to join as
Signallers—

R. E. BEZILLOS, dated 27.12.95.
E. HASKELL, dated 27.12.95.
M. E. ARGAN, dated 27.12.95.
C. E. ELLIS, dated 27.12.95.
S. E. ELLIS, dated 27.12.95.
L. E. LAMMER, dated 27.12.95.

No. 317.—SIGNALLING.—At Head-
quarters, MONDAY and WEDNESDAY
at 5 p.m.; Plain Clothes.

All Signallers to be present on Parade
of 10th and 11th Inst., at 9 p.m. and 2
p.m. respectively.

No. 318.—PARADES 7 p.m.—DRILL.—7
p.m. Gun Drill for all Ranks at 9 p.m. on
FRIDAY, 10th Inst., at Headquarters.

Transport will be provided to enable the
Dock Detachment to attend.

At 6 p.m. DRILL.—In View of the forth-
coming 64th Competition on Chinese
New Year, the following days have been
fixed for Drill by Sub-Divisions at Murray
Battery:—

No. 1 Sub-Division M'days from 5.30 p.m.
No. 2 Sub-Division T'Wednesdays, ditto.
No. 3 Sub-Division T'Wednesdays, ditto.
No. 4 Sub-Division T'Wednesdays, ditto.
No. 5 Sub-Division T'Wednesdays, ditto.
No. 6 Sub-Division T'Wednesdays, ditto.

From 6th Inst. till date of Competition,
or further orders.

Each Sub-Division will be drilled by its
own No. 1, and Sub-Division Officers
should endeavour to attend when their re-
spective Sub-Divisions are drilling.

No. 319.—SUB-DIVISION LISTS.—
The names of Gunner O. E. WARREN should
be erased from Sub-Division list No. 3 and
added to list No. 2. All Lists in possession
of Officers and N. O. O.'s to be amended
accordingly.

MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

No. 320.—PARADES—GUN DRILL.—
There will be Gun Drill preparatory to
Mobilisation on FRIDAY, 10th inst., at
5.15 p.m. Plain Clothes. All Ranks should
endeavour to attend.

NOTICE.

Applications from Gentlemen desirous of
joining the Corps should be sent to VOLUN-
TEER HEADQUARTERS, when a copy of the
Regulations, &c., will be sent, and any in-
formation afforded.

By Order,
L. A. G. GORDON,
CAPTAIN, R.A.
Adjutant, H.K.V.C.

Hongkong, January 4, 1896. 24

JUST PUBLISHED.

"THE RIGHTS OF ALIENS IN
HONGKONG."
(xxix & 95 pp. Med. 8vo.)
Can be had from KELLY & WALSH, LD.,
or the Publishers.

NORONHA & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 3, 1896. 23

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SHANGHAI AND KOBE.

THE Steamship Vindobona having arri-
ved, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that their Goods are being loaded
at their risk into the Godowns of the
HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WAREHOUSE AND
STEAMSHIP CO., LTD., whence delivery may
be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims
must be sent in to the Undersigned before
Noon on the 11th instant, on pain of not
being recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and
any Goods remaining in the Godowns after
the 11th instant will be subject to rent.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SANDER & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 4, 1896. 30

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. Thetis, Capt. R. CHRISTIANSEN,
having arrived from the above Ports,
Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested
to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-
signature by the Undersigned, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods from
above.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before
5 p.m. To-day.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will
be landed into the Godowns of the Hong-
kong and Kowloon Warehouse and Steamship
Co., Ltd., and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods
remaining undelivered after the 11th Inst.
will be subject to rent.

All broken, shoddy, and damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where they
will be examined on the 11th inst. at 3 p.m.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 4, 1896. 33

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

The Steamship
Thetis,
Capt. R. CHRISTIANSEN,
will be despatched for the
above Ports on TUESDAY, the 7th Inst.,
at Noon.

For Freight, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents.

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FOR SHANGHAI, JINSEN AND
NAGASAKI.

The Co.'s Steamship
Negato Maru
will be despatched for the
above Ports at Daylight, on
TUESDAY, the 7th Inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Hongkong, January 4, 1896. 31

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination	Vessels	Agents	Date of Loading
Amoy and Taiwan.	Amur (s).	Stolterfoht & Hagen.	Jan. 6, at 5 p.m.
Amoy and Taiwan.	Thetis (s).	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Jan. 7, daylight.
Australian Ports.	Change (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	Jan. 14, at 3 p.m.
Baltimore.	Any Turner.	Siemens & Co.	Quick despatch.
Bombay and Port of Call.	Sachsen (s).	Norddeutscher Lloyd.	Jan. 7, at 9 a.m.
Genoa and Marseilles.	Gian (s).	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Jan. 10.
Havre, London & Hong.	Polina (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 8, at noon.
Japan.	Anona (s).	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Jan. 6, at 10 a.m.
Kobe and Yokohama.	Miki Maru (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 10, at noon.
London, v. Ports of Call.	Peking (s).	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	About Jan. 17.
London, v. Suez Canal.	Kahara-Hind (s).	Dowell, Carrill & Co.	About Jan. 20.
London, v. Hong.	Kangaroo (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Jan. 15.
London, v. Hong.	Managon (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Jan. 24.
Manila, via Amoy.	Yunnan (s).	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Jan. 8, at 4 p.m.
Marseilles, v. Saigon.	Oxus (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	About Jan. 12.
New York, v. Suez Canal.	Polophemus (s).	Dowell, Carrill & Co.	About Jan. 12.
New York.	John A. Kelly.	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	About Feb. 29.
New York, v. Japan.	Daniel Barrow.	Carlson & Co.	About Jan. 12.
S. Francisco, v. Japan.	Geleic (s).	O. & S. S. Co.	Jan. 14, at noon.
San Francisco.	Brook Castle.	Siemens & Co.	Quick despatch.
Shanghai.	Daphnis (s).	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Jan. 9, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai.	Canion (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Jan. 12.
Shanghai.	Fekin (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 7, daylight.
Shanghai, v. Hong.	Negato Maru (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Jan. 13.
Spain, Portugal & Hong.	Wingang (s).	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Jan. 7, at 3 p.m.
Strait and Bombay.	Brilliant (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Jan. 13.
Swatow, Amoy & Hong.	Hailong (s).	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Jan. 7, daylight.
Swatow and Shanghai.	Hangchow (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	Jan. 6, at noon.
Trieste.	Vindobona (s).	Sander & Co.	About Jan. 20.
Vancouver (B.C.).	Empress of China (s).	Carlson & Co.	About Jan. 14, at noon.
Victoria (B.C.).	Tamara (s).	Nor. P. & S. Co.	Jan. 14, at noon.
Yokohama and Kobe.	Thetis (s).	Siemens & Co.	Jan. 7, at noon.
Yokohama and Kobe.	Chingta (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	January 10.

To-day's Advertisements.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW AND SHANGHAI.

The Steamship
Hangchow,
Capt. BAKER, will
be despatched for the above
Ports on MONDAY, the 6th Inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 4, 1896. 8

FOR AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.

The British Steamship
Amur,
Capt. O. MEARS, will
be despatched for the above
Ports on MONDAY, the 6th Inst., at 5 p.m.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation
for Passengers, and is fitted with the
Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
STOLTERFOHT & HAGEN,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 4, 1896. 29

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.

The Co.'s Steamship
Thetis,
Capt. BAKER, will
be despatched for the above
Ports on TUESDAY, the 7th Inst., at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 4, 1896. 35

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

FOLLOWING THE S.S. Polophemus.

The Steamship
Lenox,
will be despatched about
4th February.

S.S. Port Adelaide will be despatched about
18th February.

S.S. Ghates will be despatched about
4th March.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOWELL, CARRILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 4, 1896. 32

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN,
SUEZ, PORT SAID,
NAPLES, GENOA.

ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG.
PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK
SEA & BALTIC PORTS.

Also,
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,
BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,
HALFESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN
PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL
AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS
AND LOGGERS.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills
of Lading for the principal places in
RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SALES FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Sachsen, Tuesday, January 7.

Karlruhe, Monday, February 3.

Freya, Tuesday, March 3.

Freya, Tuesday, March 31.

Sachsen, Tuesday, April 24.

Karlruhe, Tuesday, May 26.

Freya, Tuesday, June 23.

ON TUESDAY, the 7th day of January,
1896, at 9 a.m., the Company's
S.S. SACHSEN, Captain H. SZYMANSKI,
with PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this port as above,
calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till
Noon on SATURDAY, the 4th January,
Cargo and Specie will be received on
board until Noon on MONDAY, the 6th
January, and Parcels will be received (at
the Agency's Office) until Noon on SATURDAY,
the 6th January. Contents of Packages
are required.—No Parcel Receipts will be
signed for less than £2.00, and Parcels
should not exceed 20 Feet Cubic in
measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation
and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.
Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELOCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 4, 1896. 34

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship
Daphne,
Captain J. CLARKE, will
be despatched for the above
Port on MONDAY, the 6th Inst., at
4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 4, 1896. 28

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI (DIRECT).

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates
for CHEFOO, HANKOW and Ports
on the YANGTSE.)

The Co.'s Steamship
Daphne,
Captain J. CLARKE, will
be despatched for the above
Port on MONDAY, the 6th Inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 4, 1896. 27

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

January 4:—

Kiangang, British steamer, from Canton.

Daphne, German steamer, from Canton.

Amur, British steamer, 570, Moara,
Anping January 2, General.—SVOITZER &
& HAGEN.

Juchim, German steamer, 965, O. Chris-
tensen, Sambang December 22, 1,000 tons
Oil.—SIEMSEN & Co.

Hailong, British steamer, 783

CRICKET.

HONGKONG C.C. vs THE NAVY.

This match was played at the Cricket Ground in somewhat unpleasant weather. Rain had fallen overnight, and when play commenced the wicket appeared rather heavy and not likely to stand up well. It also had every appearance of raining again, and in the circumstances the Navy, having won the toss, elected to field. Subsequent events proved that this was a mistake. For the loss of only 4 wickets the Club put together the large total of 187 runs, when the closure was applied, and the Navy went in with nearly an hour and a half to play.

Firth and Percival opened the batting, and were soon at work scoring heavily off the weak bowling. Between them they scored 111 runs, and every subsequent batsman ran into double figures. Hancock had one magnificent hit out of the ground for 6.

The following are the scores and bowling analyses:—

THE CLUB.		THE NAVY.	
C. M. Firth, c. Greenfield, b. S. Hancock	43	Lt. W. H. C. Thring, c. b. Hancock	0
E. Percival, b. S. Hancock	53	Lt. P. H. S. Smith, b. Hancock	0
E. M. M. S. Hancock, b. S. Hancock	24	Dr. Peab, b. Hancock	0
R. H. Hancock, not out	26	Lt. C. E. A. Greenfield, b. S. Hancock	0
A. S. Anton, b. Penny	14	W. M. Greenfield, b. T. S. Smith	7
Burg. Major Johnston, not out	10	Lt. F. A. Powell, c. G. D. Campbell	10
Capt. Baker-Garr, G. D.	12	Lt. B. S. Smith, b. Hancock	10
Campbell, H. R.	12	Lt. B. S. Smith, b. Hancock	10
T. S. Hancock, b. S. Hancock	12	Lt. B. S. Smith, b. Hancock	10
Extras	12	Lt. B. S. Smith, b. Hancock	10
Total for 4 wickets	187	Lt. B. S. Smith, b. Hancock	10

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

THE CLUB.		THE NAVY.	
Shelford	22.5	5	3
Greenfield	14	5	4
Penny	10	3	38
Powell	5	1	17
Oldham	7	1	20
Greenfield bowled two wickets.			

THE NAVY.

THE CLUB.		THE NAVY.	
Hancock	35	0	27
Smith	14	4	2
Firth	42	1	4
Lawson	4	0	19

"FRAGRANT WATERS" MURMUR.

That I think I was the first to suggest a Municipal Council for Hongkong, and I am glad to see your morning contemporary joining so heartily in the crusade for municipal reform.

That there can be very little doubt the Colonial Office (especially the Permanent Officials) regard this Colony very much as Mr. G. Sharp and the Dairy Farm Board regard their best milk cows, and have made arrangements accordingly.

That the shameless attempt on the part of the Permanent Officials of the Colonial Office (The Right Hon. Joe Chamberlain) can't attend to everything to squeeze us because we had no Municipal Council and no separate Municipal Revenue, ought to make us hurry up about this particular reform.

That the other Colonies who possess Municipal Government do not find any difficulty in carrying on municipal work, and there is no reason why we in Hongkong should find it impossible.

That Hongkong has always been ready to do its share for the Empire—and more than its fair percentage—but this pouting in the matter of style of things by the Home authorities, the Official Palace, and the Sanitary Board, etc., is getting monotonous.

That, speaking of municipal work, I am inclined to agree with the Spaniards who say that the Queen's Road is a disgrace to our civilization.

That Hongkong has often been cited as a pillar in the Chinese, and to see the poor coolies walking in the Queen's Road mud-to-day was not hopeful.

That the patent P. W. D. mixture of "chocolate meringue," alias liquid mud, was very much in evidence, and no one understands why the authorities did not try to suppress it.

That it must be admitted the authorities did their best to use the mud-mix and carry off the refuse, but why it is ever put there beats everybody to explain.

That I hear once more the local Government has got into hot water over the appointment of the "Unofficials" who are to sit on the Executive Council, which may explain, or rather account for, much that has happened.

That it is difficult to know why the three or four pony traps in Hongkong should have been licensed, merely because a certain number of horses had to be kept in hand.

That now the "Board of Chinese Legislation" has been so increased in bulk by our feeble legislators, and seized hold of and flourished about by our Baboo section of the so-called Anglo-Chinese, European residents may make up their minds to carry a lantern and wear a queue.

That it is a curious fact when one sees things (say a stone, for instance) which are in high quarters, how the officially-run Sanitary Board gets into the same habit of treating stonewares as merely a matter of opinion.

That on this occasion the complaint comes from the military side of the house, and it is known they are keen on the stonewares for promotion for Camp land, and for military contribution.

That all the same, I fancy the Sanitary Board were not born yesterday (though the new Medical Officer of Health is not yet much of a veteran), and their ideas of stonewares and their treatment of them are not so far from being correct as they seem to be.

That Dr. Clark has gone one better than any of the Doctors before him, and I am astonished he did not mention the squandering of blood which were ranged on and around these necessary accompaniments of tropical life.

That the Transvaal disaster is at once the result of our ungenerous feelings after Mafeking Hill, and the inevitable march of events in South Africa.

That somehow our Anglo-Saxon rule is to bungle at the beginning of everything, although we generally come out in the end with flying colours.

That if we are right, we shall continue to do triumph; if wrong, we deserve defeat.

That, all the same, I do not admit we are wrong until we hear further.

That it is difficult to see what Germany, or any other Power, has to do with this matter, and I fully expect they will be warned off the coast.

BROWNIE.

THE MASSACRE IN BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.

A REJOINDER BY OUR CORRESPONDENT.

The correspondent who supplied us with details of the revolting and brutal massacre in British North Borneo (published in the China Mail, Saturday, Nov. 2, 1895) sends us the following reply to the correspondent of a Singapore contemporary, who had criticised the original statement published by us:—

The Labuan correspondent of the Singapore Free Press makes but a poor attempt at whitewashing the Borneo authorities over the massacre of Manilamen at Tunku on the 8th September last. This may be due partly to the fact that he writes from Labuan, which is some 400 miles distant from the scene of the massacre, partly to his ignorance of everything appertaining to the affair. He states that the Borneo authorities occupied a strong position on shore, that the massacre was unprovoked, that when the men were going to be handed over to the Spaniards they got frightened and ran away, that the Dyak Police (who were provided with three boats) did not pull after the deserters with any other intention than to pick them up, that the deductions made by me from the nature of the wounds are false; that the Dyak cannot hold a gun straight when excited, and that the Borneo Authorities utterly disclaim and strongly reprobate the action of the Spaniards. It may be as well that I should deal with each of these statements separately. Of course I have the advantage over him in that I know the facts, whereas he being at Labuan has to rely on second-hand information.

His statement that the men occupied a strong position on shore is wrong; they were in their boats on the Tunku river.

To the statement that the men offered to surrender unconditionally, I am able to state that the men said they would fight to the last rather than be taken by the Spaniards. With regard to his third statement that the men got frightened and ran away when they were about to be handed over to the Spaniards it may be well to refer to my original statement which is an absolutely correct account of what really occurred:—

"At 6 a.m. the deserters came along the beach, and when within forty paces of the thirty armed Dyak police, who were placed in extended order at right angles to the beach, they all sat down on the sand waiting to be taken on board the launch. The Spaniards, who, like the police, had been on shore before daylight, were lying down behind the jungle, close to the beach and at right angles to the police line. Suddenly four shots were fired from the Spaniards' position, wounding four of the men who were squatted down on the beach. These men lay writhing and twisting on the sand, but the remainder, who were lying on their backs, were not hit. The Spaniards then fired a second time, wounding four more men. The Spaniards then fired a third time, wounding four more men. The Spaniards then fired a fourth time, wounding four more men. The Spaniards then fired a fifth time, wounding four more men. The Spaniards then fired a sixth time, wounding four more men. 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